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Turner Is Confirmed for CIA

Washington (UPI)—The Senate unanimously confirmed Adm. Stansfield Turner as CIA director yesterday.

Turner, 53, President Carter's classmate at the Naval Academy, declared during his confirmation hearing Tuesday that he would resign his post if given a presidential order he felt was illegal or immoral.

Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee said he was disturbed about permitting Turner to retain his admiral's rank while serving in the dual role as director of the CIA and director of central intelligence. "My expression of opposition in no way diminishes my enthusiasm for the job he can and will do," Baker said.

Turner was Carter's second nominee. His first, former Kennedy aide Theodore Sorensen, withdrew from consideration when strenuous opposition developed in the Sen-

ate over the allegations that he used classified White House material to write a book about the Kennedy years.

Legislators on both sides of the aisle praised Turner, the commander of NATO southern forces. Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., a member of the Select Senate Committee which investigated abuses in the intelligence community last year, said: "He is ideally suited for this job."

Turner will serve not only as head of the CIA, but also as the President's top coordinator of the diverse branches of the intelligence community. The second spot, director of central intelligence, was created by the Ford administration.

In other Senate developments:

● Former Commerce Secretary Elliot Richardson was unanimously approved to

be the U.S. negotiator to the Law of the Seas conference.

● Baker and Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-W. Va.) agreed that President Carter probably will win approval of his controversial nomination of Paul Warnke as chief U.S. arms negotiator.

● The Senate approved unanimously the nomination of Warren Christopher, a former deputy attorney general, as deputy secretary of state.

● Sam Brown, the 33-year old antiwar activist nominated to head government volunteer agencies, breezed through two confirmation hearings yesterday and said he hopes he can revitalize the Peace Corps and other operations. He is expected to win quick approval in the committees and on the Senate floor.



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